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## NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Seeks Applicants for Advisory Council

NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking applicants to fill two primary and two alternate seats representing conservation and maritime activities on its advisory council, which ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

The applicants who are chosen to fill the seats will serve on a volunteer basis for a three-year term. The advisory council meets four to five times a year in daytime public sessions at locations in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Council members are selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seats for which they are applying. Considerations include knowledge of sanctuary resources, community and professional affiliations, views regarding the conservation and management of marine resources, and length of residence in the sanctuary area. Current seat holders may reapply.

Council member application packages are available at the sanctuary's Web site, http://cordellbank.noaa.gov, or by calling 415-663-0314, ext. 105. Completed applications should be submitted to Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950 or by fax at 415-663-0315. Applications must be received by close of business Jan. 31, 2008.

Designated in 1989, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary encompasses 526 square miles of ocean northwest of San Francisco, where the combination of ocean conditions and undersea topography creates a highly diverse marine community. The site, which includes an offshore seamount, is a destination feeding ground for many marine mammals and seabirds.

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